OFFICIAL NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION OF REJECTION
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Japanese Patent Application No. 2006-521512
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     This patent application shall be finally rejected for
Reason A given in the Official Notice of Rejection dated
April 10, 2009.
     Further, the ground to reverse the reason for the
rejection has not been found, even though the Argument and
the Amendment have been reviewed.

Remark:
- Re: Claims 1 to 3
     In conjunction with the Amendment filed on July 13,
2009, the Applicant argues in the Argument as follows:
     -- The present invention is directed to "a program
for displaying a graphical user interface (GUI) comprising:
a graph with edges and vertices, the vertices representing
grid nodes and the edges representing an association of two
grid nodes in a grid computing network, wherein for each
edges, computer grid applications running on a computer
represented by the node are shown for a user when the
graphical user interface receives clicking of the user,"
whereas Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 2000-
078156 (hereinafter referred to as "Reference 1") does not
include the disclosure to that effect.   Therefore, one
skilled in the art could not have easily conceived the
present invention based upon Reference 1. --

     However, as shown in the Official Notice of Rejection
dated April 10, 2009, Reference 1 discloses that a node
represents an equipment and that a line connects nodes to
each other.   Further, a grid computing network is well

known, without the need to cite literature. Therefore, it is not difficult to apply the invention of Reference 1 to the well-known grid computing network, thereby displaying a graphical user interface (GUI) comprising a graph with edges and vertices, the vertices representing grid nodes and the edges representing an association of two grid nodes in a grid computing network.

Further, it is a well-known technique to permit the state of job etc. running on a computer represented by a node to be shown for a user when receiving the user's operation, in a GUI of a computing network, as disclosed in e.g. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. Hei 07-311743 (see paragraphs [0017], Figs. 10 and 11, etc.).

Therefore, one skilled in the art could have easily conceived applying the well-known art to Reference 1 to thereby conceive claims 1 to 3 of the present application.

Thus, the above argument of the Applicant cannot be accepted.

If the Applicant is dissatisfied with this Final Decision of Rejection, the Applicant may file a Demand for Appeal with the Commissioner of the Japan Patent Office within three months (in the case that the Applicant is a resident abroad, within four months) from the delivery date of the Final Decision of Rejection (Section 121, Paragraph 1 of the Japanese Patent Law).
(Teaching pursuant to Section 46, Paragraph 2 of the Japanese Administrative Case Litigation Law)

The Applicant may appeal to a court against this Final Decision of Rejection only when the Applicant seeks for revocation of an Appeal Decision with respect to a Demand for Appeal against this Final Decision of Rejection (Section 178, Paragraph 6 of the Japanese Patent Law).